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Assassination in Congo 'internal,' Turner says

Washington (AP)—Adm. Stansfield Turner, the new director of the Central Intelligence Agency, said yesterday that the assassination of Congolese President Marien Ngouabi "appears to be a typical internal problem there."

Interviewed on Face the Nation, the nationally televised CBS program, Admiral Turner amplified his comment by saying he meant that the slaying was "something handled by some people inside the Congo." He added that "the evidence is very, very tenuous and slim at this point."

The new CIA head said it was possible that the investigations of the John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, Jr., assassinations by the House Select Committee on Assassinations "will require further intelligence information from our files."

"We will be as co-operative as we can," he said.

Admiral Turner disclosed that he had

begun "a careful review" of all cover and clandestine activities conducted by American intelligence personnel.

"There is nothing illegal or improper going on at this time," he said.

The CIA's director also told the interviewers that "no American newsmen of any kind" are now on the government's intelligence-gathering payrolls.

"And there will not be," he declared.

Admiral Turner said he believed the leaders of the Soviet Union "think in Nineteenth Century power terms." He said that the view of the Soviet leaders was that military force would compensate for their nation's weaknesses in other areas.

The military balance between the United States and the Soviet Union, the head of the Central Intelligence Agency said, "is gradually eroding toward the Soviet side." But he added, "I think we can and will redress it."